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**CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:** The Friends of Old-time Radio had its annual convention on Oct. 16 and 17 at Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, Ct. Many celebrities were present often with spouses or friends including Lee Allman, Arthur Anderson, Ira Ashley, Jackson Beck, Court Benson, Fran Carlson, Lon Clark, Nancy Douglass, Elspeth Eric, Walter Gibson, Art Hanna, Raymond Edward Johnson, Evie Juster, Betty Tyler Karp, Teri Keane, Bill Lipton, Charlotte Manson, Audrey Marsh, Grace Matthews, John Moore, Joan Mayno Valenti, Ann Loring, Ward Byron, Arnold Moss, Bill Owen, Bob Prescott Jr, Pete Prescott, Rosa Rio, Sidney Slon, Arthur Tracy, Blair Walliser, Mike Warren-Connecticut celebrity, and a surprise appearance by Kenny Delmar. They were all present throughout the afternoon and evening. They socialized with the people, presented 2 radio shows and 12 received awards.

The convention started on Friday at 3:00 when 90 people attended cocktails and a buffet supper. On the program was musical trivia by Jay Hickerson, an award to Bill Owen, slides of the Nat. Broad. Hall of Fame, and several video tapes.

On Saturday the convention started at 9:00 with 33 dealer tables and movies. Some dealers were D Aston, R Barnett, E Carr, B Davis, G Dudash, J Furman, R Gesner, R King, G Kramer, C Seeley, T Tollin, S Weiss, J Webb. Most of the clubs were represented. Collectors from over 16 states and 2 provinces were present.

All workshops were presented including: Acting and sound effects (Prescott brothers and Brad Gromelski); OTR in the Community (G Yoggy); OTR Authors (T Salomanson, Bill Owen, C Stumpf, T Tollin, Ron Goulart, W Gibson, Ron Lackman, Roger Paulson); Trivia contest (R King); Al Jolson Special (Ed Greenbaum and Herb Johnson); Views of Collecting Experts (R Barnett); video workshop (K Piletic); Recording Techniques (G Kramer); Anecdotes by Producers-directors-writers (I Ashley, S Slon, B Walliser, A Hanna, A Loring); A reading by R E Johnson of "Cask of Amontillado"; Recreation of IY TRUE STORY; Panel discussion led by Betty Tyler Karp.

Cocktails and dinner followed. At 6:30 we placed a happy 90th birthday call to Parker Fennelly who was having a birthday party at his home. There were 226 people for dinner and another 87 in the afternoon. Arthur Tracy entertained with several songs. Lon Clark and Charlotte Manson led an all-star cast in a Nick Carter program. Rosa Rio supplied the music and Bob Jr. and Pete Prescott supplied the sound patterns.

The Allen Rockford Award was given to Charles Stumpf. Mike Warren, a Conn. broadcaster and entertainer received a special award. 10 special guests then received their awards. Kenny Delmar paid us a surprise visit and entertained us for a few minutes.

The guests were very gracious in granting interviews and mingling with the people. I want to thank them again for giving of their time to be with us.

Also the committee did a wonderful job. Many thanks to my co-chairman, Joe Webb. Also special thanks to Annie Webb for typing the Nick Carter Script; Stu Weiss for organizing rides and spreading the word in New York City; Julie and Larry DeSalvatore for the program; Karen Nater for typing all the invitations to our special guests.

Ken Piletic video-taped much of the affair. For details of how to get a copy send Ken a SASE to 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103. It will probably take one 6-hour cassette. Terry Salomonson audio-taped much of the convention. Details of obtaining a copy may be had by sending Joe Webb a SASE to Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542. This will probably take one 1800' tape. Many workshops ran concurrently but each one was either video or audio-taped.

Ron Barnett presented a special plaque to Joe Webb and myself. It was very much unexpected and very much appreciated.



**A PERSONAL NOTE:** I received a note from a long-time subscriber upset about the short length of Hello Again and the lack of certain information about new shows, etc. He is right to an extent. 10 years ago HA had as many as 16 sides (8 pages). Due to less time and also many other newsletters covering certain areas, HA is now 2-4 pages. Several months ago I started using a different typewriter. Because of smaller type, I get on 2 pages what I used to get on 3. Also I need information from my readers. I depend on that. Let me know about new shows and other things. The mail over the last 2-3 years has dropped considerably. I subscribe to Broadcasting, Billboard, and Variety. I still have about 260 subscribers plus 40 people who get HA at no charge. I have kept the cost at \$6.00 since 1976. As of November the cost will still be \$6.00 but I will ask, for inserting flyers, \$15 or a sample of what you are selling (my choice). Many readers have been very generous already and I appreciate this... HA was delayed because of the convention. Because of that plus a large amount of work, the Oct. issue is an Oct-Nov issue. This is the first time since 1970 this has happened, but I felt a little too much pressure in getting this out in October. If you have written wondering where your Oct. issue was, I apologize...In the future some issues may come out every 2 months.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** Frank McHugh, Sep 11, 83; film, stage, tv actor...Will Hudson, Jul 27, 73; band leader, composer (Moonglow)...Z Wayne Griffin, Sep 10, 74; tv and radio producer (BURNS & ALLEN, MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE TIME)...Helen Humes, Sep 9, 68; jazz singer (Count Basie)...Rafael Mendez, 75; classical trumpeter...Reginald Kell, Aug 5, 75; classical clarinetist...Bill Coleman, Aug 25, 77; trumpeter with fats Waller, Benny Carter...Harry Warren, Sep 15, 87; one of the most successful composers of popular music and winner of 3 academy awards...Maria Palmer, Sep 6, 57; stage, film, tv actress (Young Marrieds)...Sara Haden, Sep 15, 82; char. actress (tv-ABBOTT & COSTELLO)...Jaime del Valle, Sep 16, 71; tv and radio producer-writer (COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO, YOURS TRULY JOHNNY DOLLAR)...Robert Montgomery, Sep 27, 77; actor: tv (ROBERT MONTGOMERY PRESENTS) radio hosted SUSPENSE Jan-May 1948...Jerry Seeler, Sep 12, 69; lyricist (C'est Si Bon)...Patsy Kelly, Sep 24, 71; stage, film, tv actress (ANYONE CAN WIN)...Allan Balter, Sep 23, 56; tv writer-producer...Gregory Abbott, Sep 25, 81; radio and tv announcer; was "Voice Known to Millions" for the Paramount newsreels...Vernon Polk, Aug 22, 55; singer-guitarist with Town Cryers and Modernaires...Jud Strunk, Oct 5, 44; folk singer and comedian...Marilyn Hare, Oct 9, 57; west coast tv personality. Daughter of Ernie Hare...Gloria Grahame, Oct 5, 55; char. actress...Jim Raymond, Oct 14, 64; illustrator of Blondie for 40 years...Oscar Moore, Oct 8, 64; guitarist with Nat King Cole.

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Aug/Sep; articles on Superman & Blondie...WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Aug; articles on Perry Como, Bernard Gorcey, Wanda Hendrix, Lola Lane, Mike Hammer, "Drums of Fu Manchu"...KASTLEMUSICK BULLETIN, Sep; articles on Sigmund Spaeth and Maurice Jarre...COLLECTORS CORNER, summer; articles on Amos & Andy, Racism and OTR, crosstalk...COLLECTORS CORNER, fall; articles on Arnold Stang, COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO...ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Oct; articles on WXYZ and second bananas...MEMORIES (Buffalo Club) all about Sherlock Holmes...NARA NEWS, summer; many interesting articles.

**BOOKS:** Latest TV reference book is revised COMPLETE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS 1947-79 by Vincent Terrace; A S Barnes; \$15. This has 3500 shows. McNeils's TOTAL TELEVISION has 3400; Brooks and Marsh's book has 2500 prime-time shows. In parts, more detailed than both books; completely indexed.

**MORE CONVENTION NEWS:** Charles Stumpf sends the following message: "Dear Friends of Old-time Radio - Thank you all so very much for bestowing the great honor of the Allen Rockford Memorial Award to such as I. To me it is one of



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the finest honors one could ever hope to receive. Thank you for the biggest thrill of my life. Having been born on Black Tuesday has proven to be-not so bad after all. My sincere and heartfelt gratitude. I will continue to try to deserve this great honor. Humbly - Charlie

On Oct. 25th Karen and I attended the 5th annual NBHF Awards. A cabaret group that performs at Once Upon a Stove in New York gave 200 listeners a 45-minute musical nostalgic trip. Several awards were given out. Present to receive them were Lanny Ross, Bob & Ray, William B Williams. WNEW was given a special award. Not present were Kenny Delmar, Milton Berle, Fred Waring, Garry Moore, Frances Langford. Fred Foy was again master of ceremonies.

HERE AND THERE: New Address: Gerald Orlen, 116 Westshore Dr, Marblehead, Ma 01945.

OLD FRIENDS: Tony Romano, 8654 26th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11214 wants to trade for baseball games and other sporting events (wrong address in Sep issue)... Milton Pressley, 412 Redbud, Oxford, Ms 38655 has a used Recordex "Mini-Max" cassette duplicator for sale. Price is \$325 including freight. Has made about 1500 copies. Write or call Milton at (601) 234-8863 evenings before 9:00... Fred Fox, 13150 El Capitan Way, Delhi, Cal 95315 wants THE GREAT RADIO COMEDIANS by Jim Harmon and A PICTORAL HISTORY OF RADIO by Irving Settel... Bradley George, 2019 So 78 St, West Alhs, Wis 53219 wants Phil Harris-Alice Faye Shows and any soaps with several episodes in a row... Sid Rosen, Box 181-T, Toronto 19, Canada wants to trade novelty and funny records... Ron Barnett, Box 9593, Alexandria, Va 22304 is selling his cassette collection of 500plus sbws, all on 90-minute Memorex tape. Also Ron wants C-Slot empty reels in VG condition (C-slot reels were made on Audiotape, Capitol High Performance, and Music Tape products). Ron will buy them or trade. For more details write or call (703) 751-3238... Larry Rossen, 6245 No Clrmonst Ave, Chicago, Ill 60659 wants SATURDAY NIGHT SEMEMADE and name of the songs sung; also Black Arrow series from Lone Ranger aired from 1941-2. Larry also wants to trade or buy certain LUX but not reels-just certain shows. Also wants YOUR HIT PARADE 1939-42 and 45-47

LATE NEWS: IN FOND MEMORY: David Guion, Oct 17, 88; singer, composer (Home on the Range)... Charles Strickfadden, Sep, 80's; saxophonist with Paul Whiteman... Edith Head, Oct 24, 82; 8-time Academy Award winner for costuming... Stanley Clements, Oct 16, 55; char. actor... Will Osborne, Oct 22, 75; band leader, composer... NEW FRIENDS: Raymond Rotolo, 37 SW Iron Mt. Blvd, Lake Oswego, Ore 97034... RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: NBC radio broadcast "A Halloween Story" the first live network drama in 20 years. It originated from Hollywood on Sat. Oct 31st at 10:00 EST. Cast included John Houseman, June Lockhart, Gary Owens, others. Proceeds will go to UNICEF. More programs may follow... OLD FRIENDS: Joe Riesselman, 3536 Keymeer Dr, Dubuque, Ia 52001 has a very large collection and wants mystery, adventure, sci fi, western esp. Tom Mix... Greg Jackson reports: The Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters honored Dick Clark at its Sep lunch and will honor Hugh Downs at its Nov. lunch. They honored Jack Carson at its Sep. nostalgia night... Larry Rao, 1213 E 88 St, Brooklyn, NY 11236 wants Very good copies of AUNT JENNY.

Plans are underway for next year's convention. Make some suggestions, offer to help, give us more addresses of personalities living in your area...

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